YOU'VE ALREADY DIED ONCE...

...BUT THAT WASN'T ENOUSH FOR YOU, HUH?

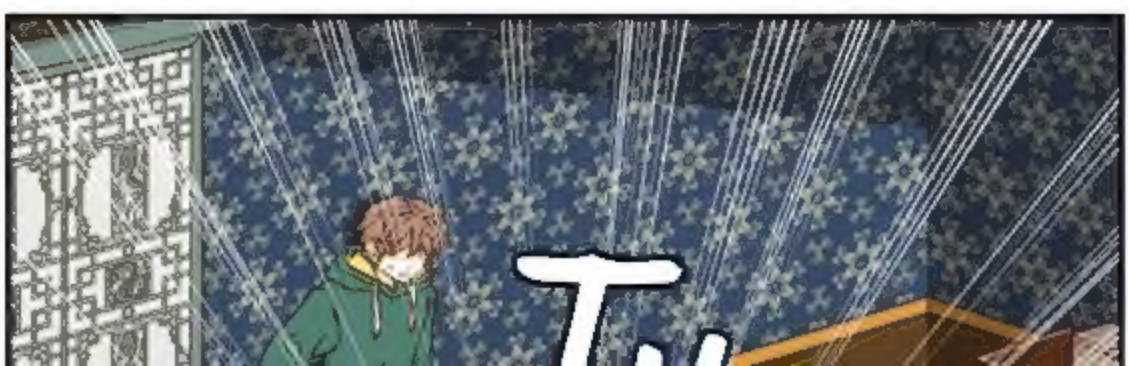
CALM DOWN, DAMSEOL!

THAT'S NOT
MR. KIM!

EXCUSE ME...
I'M...
CLENCH

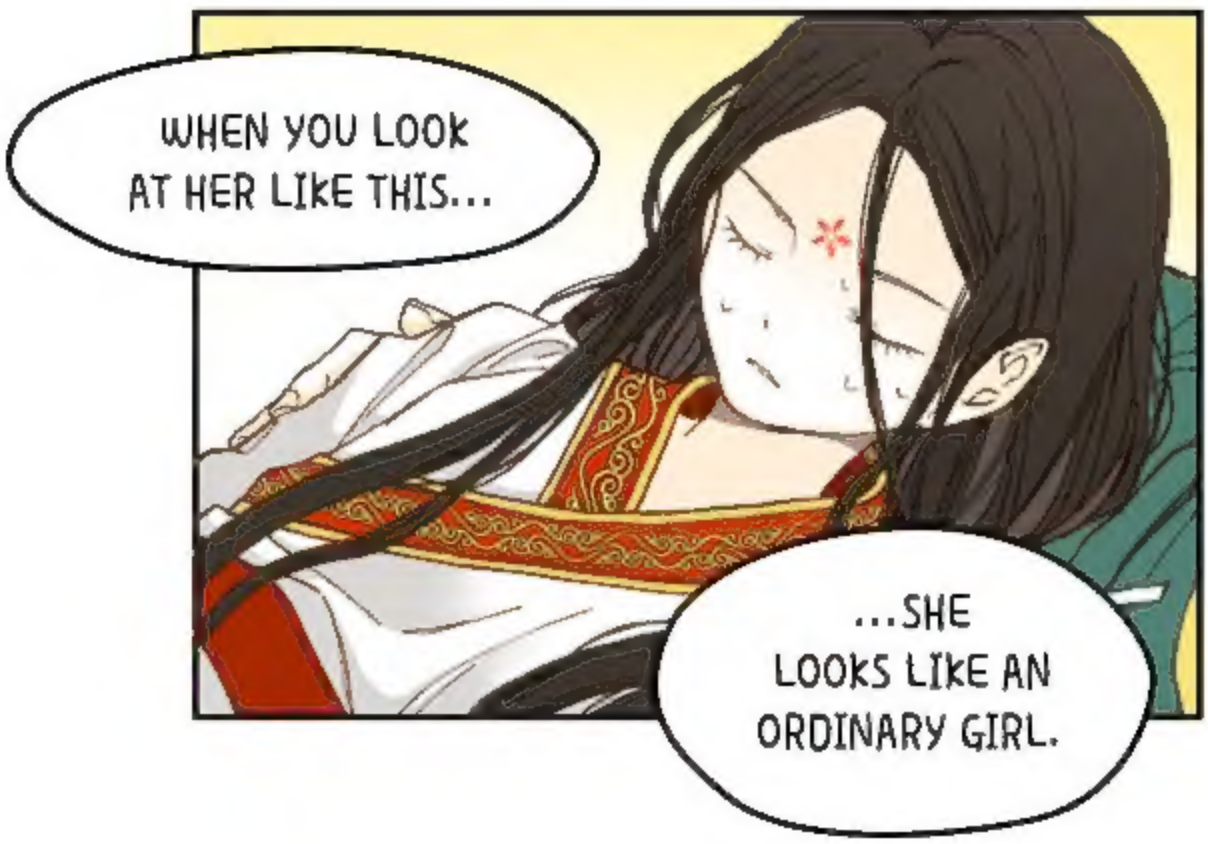
I THOUGHT I WARNED YOU...
...TO NEVER APPEAR BEFORE ME AGAIN.
...

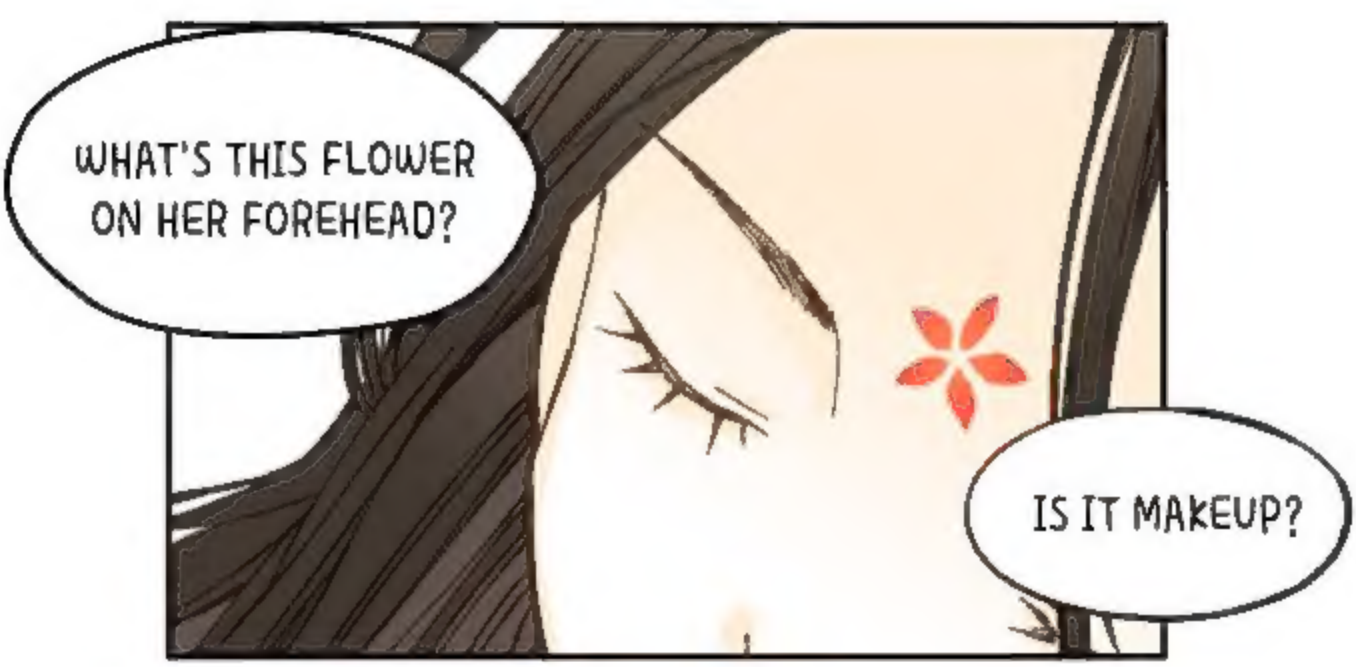
DROOP

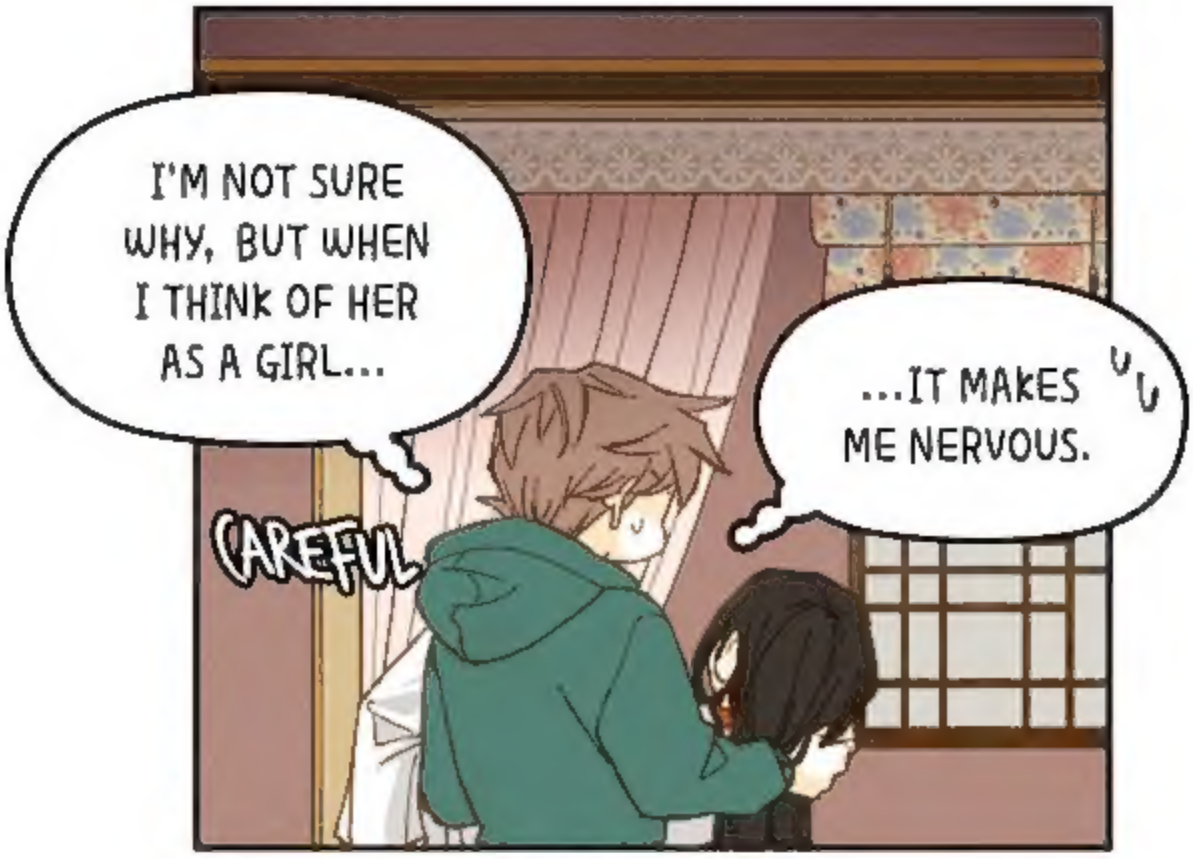


THUD
DAMSEOL!
I'M SORRY, BUT COULD YOU PLEASE CARRY HER FOR ME...!
OH...
OKAY.

...!
SHE'S SO LIGHT.
WHOOSH

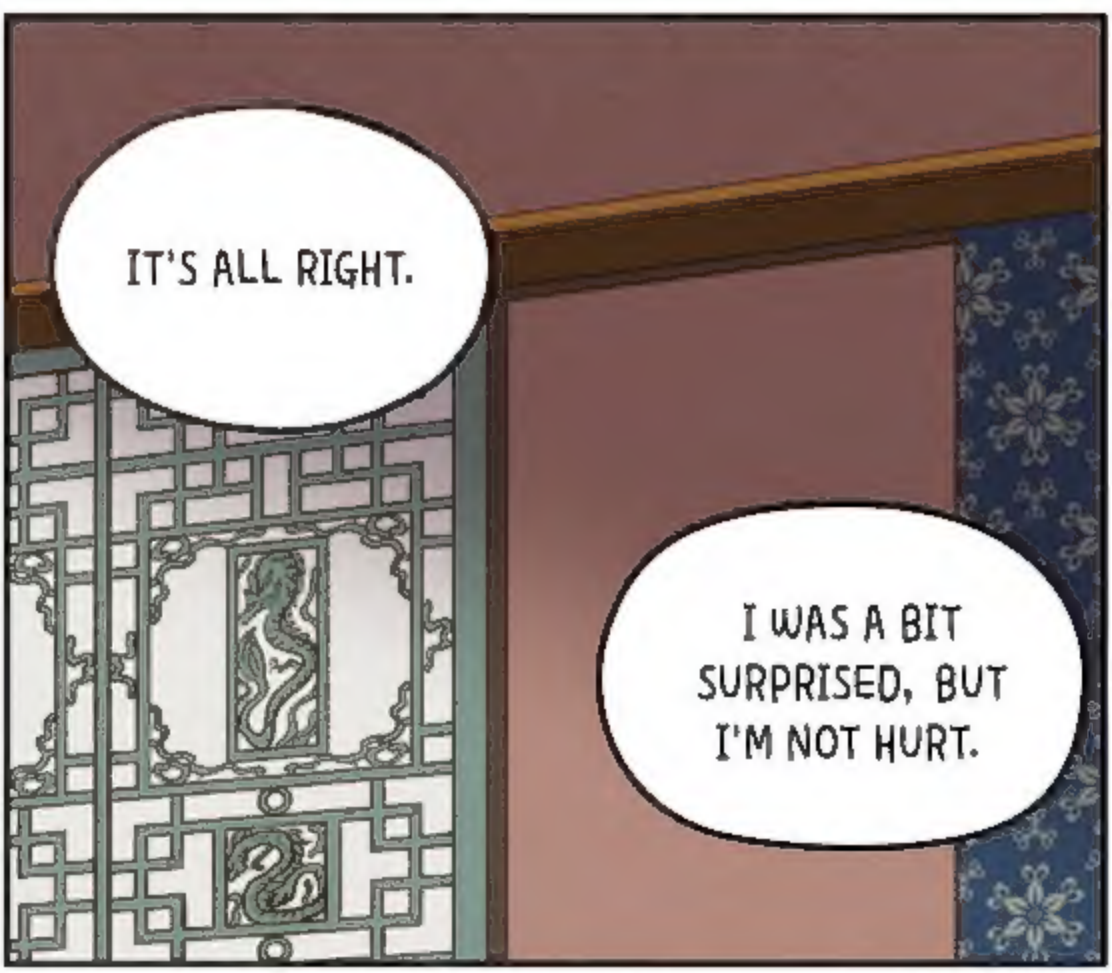

WHEN YOU LOOK AT HER LIKE THIS...
...SHE LOOKS LIKE AN ORDINARY GIRL.


WHAT'S THIS FLOWER ON HER FOREHEAD?
IS IT MAKEUP?


I'M NOT SURE WHY, BUT WHEN I THINK OF HER AS A GIRL...
CAREFUL
...IT MAKES ME NERVOUS.

MY MOST SINCERE APOLOGIES.

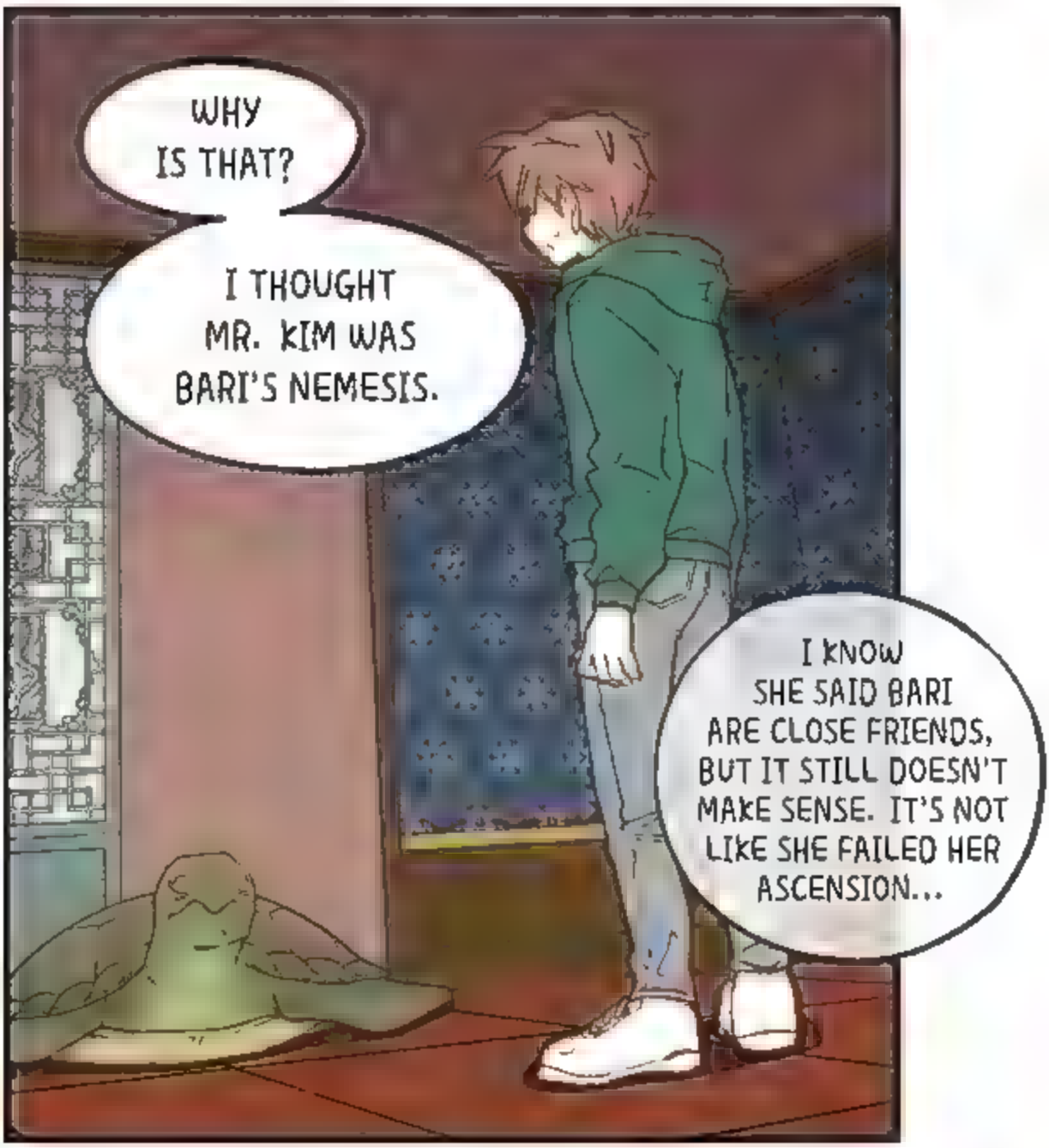
SHE USUALLY ISN'T SO CONSUMED BY HER EMOTIONS...


IT'S ALL RIGHT.
I WAS A BIT SURPRISED, BUT I'M NOT HURT.

...
BARI ALSO TRIED TO KILL ME WHEN HE SAW ME FOR THE FIRST TIME.

BUT I UNDERSTAND WHY HE DID THAT.
HE WAS JUST TAKING HIS ANGER OUT ON ME BECAUSE MY ANCESTOR

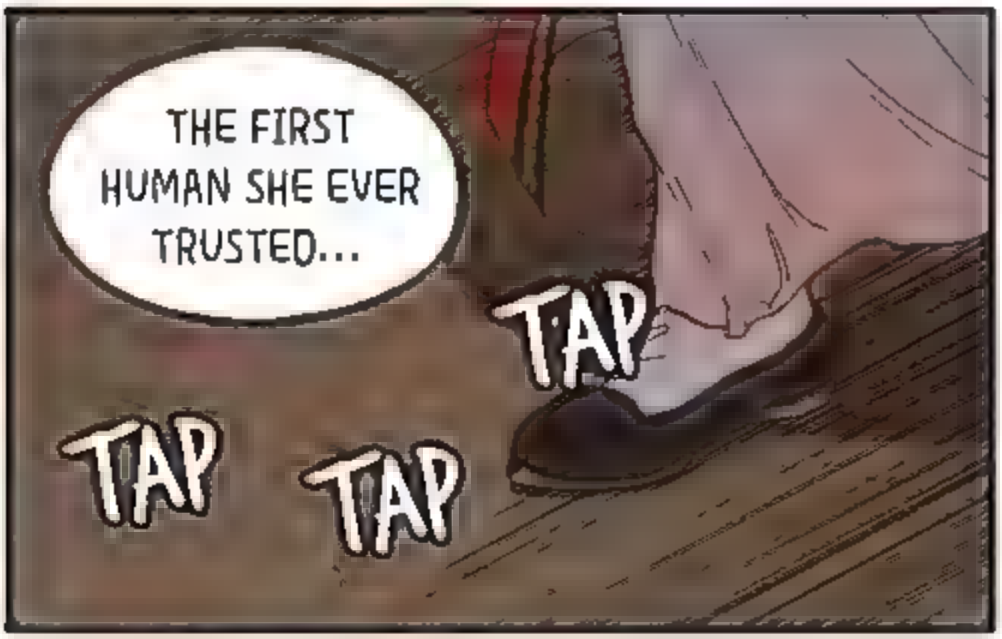
COMPLETELY RUINED HIS THOUSAND YEARS OF TRAINING.


WHY IS THAT?
I THOUGHT MR. KIM WAS BARI'S NEMESIS.
I KNOW SHE SAID BARI ARE CLOSE FRIENDS, BUT IT STILL DOESN'T MAKE SENSE. IT'S NOT LIKE SHE FAILED HER ASCENSION...

MR. KIM...
WAS A FRIEND OF HERS AS WELL.

SHE NEVER LIKED HUMANS VERY MUCH.
BUT SHE WAS IMPRESSED

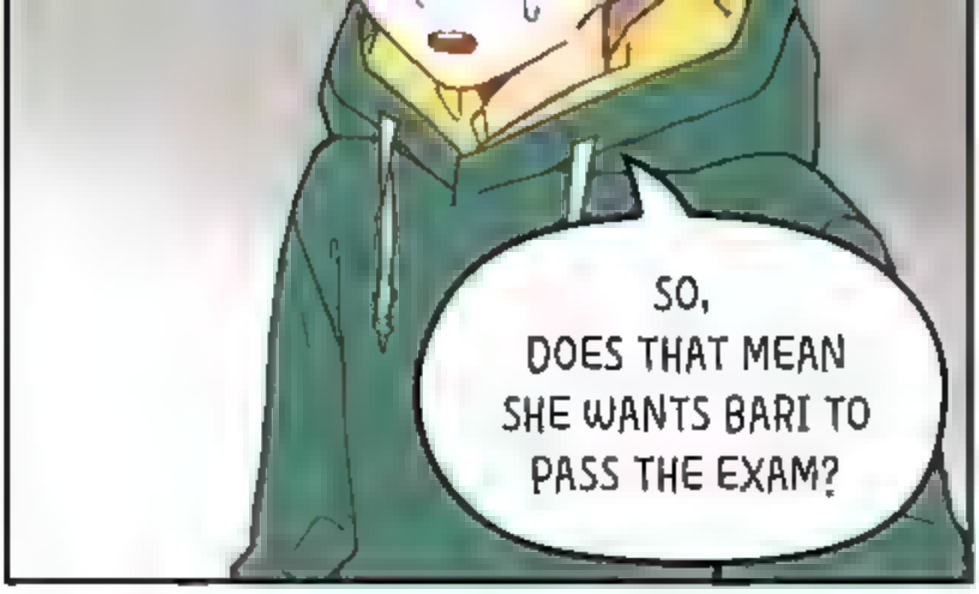
BY HIS CHARACTER, AND THE THREE OF THEM SPENT A LOT OF TIME TOGETHER.

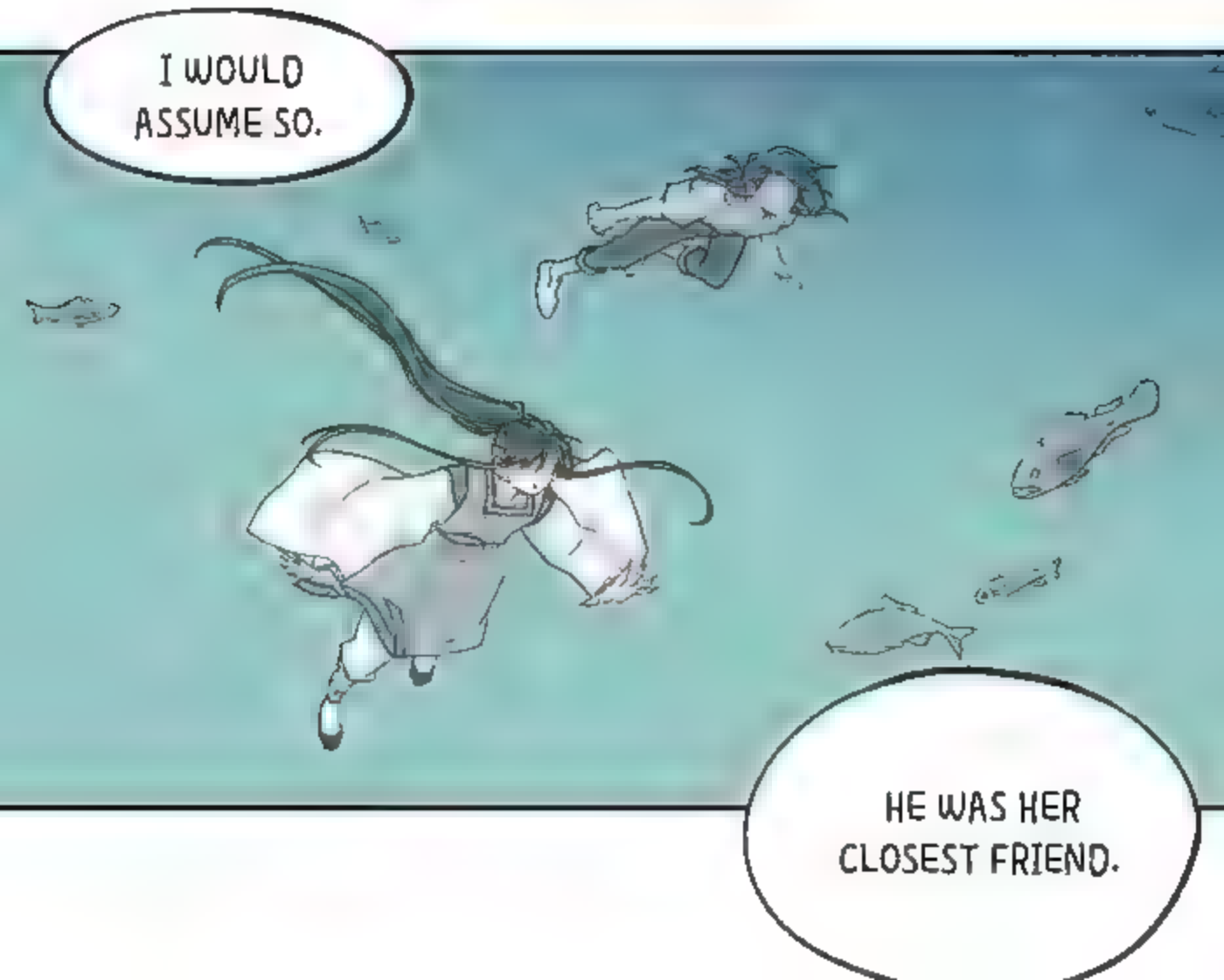


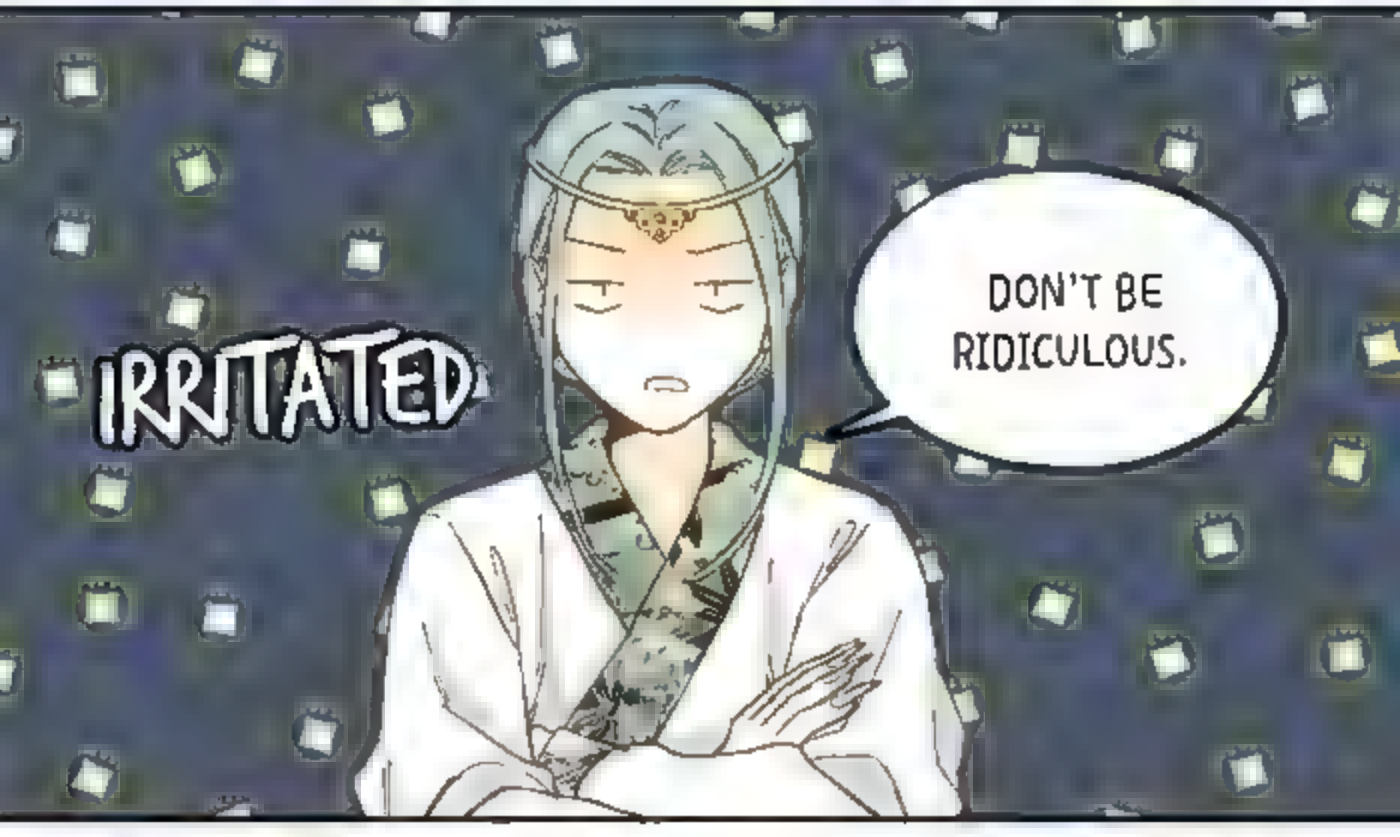
AND SHE WITNESSED THAT WITH HER OWN EYES.
SO HER RAGE ISN'T ALL THAT SURPRISING.

THE STRESS OF EVALUATING THE MIDTERMS TOOK A TOLL ON HER HEALTH.
THAT IS WHAT'S GOTTEN HER SO ILL.

BUT HER REACTION WAS SO EXCESSIVE...

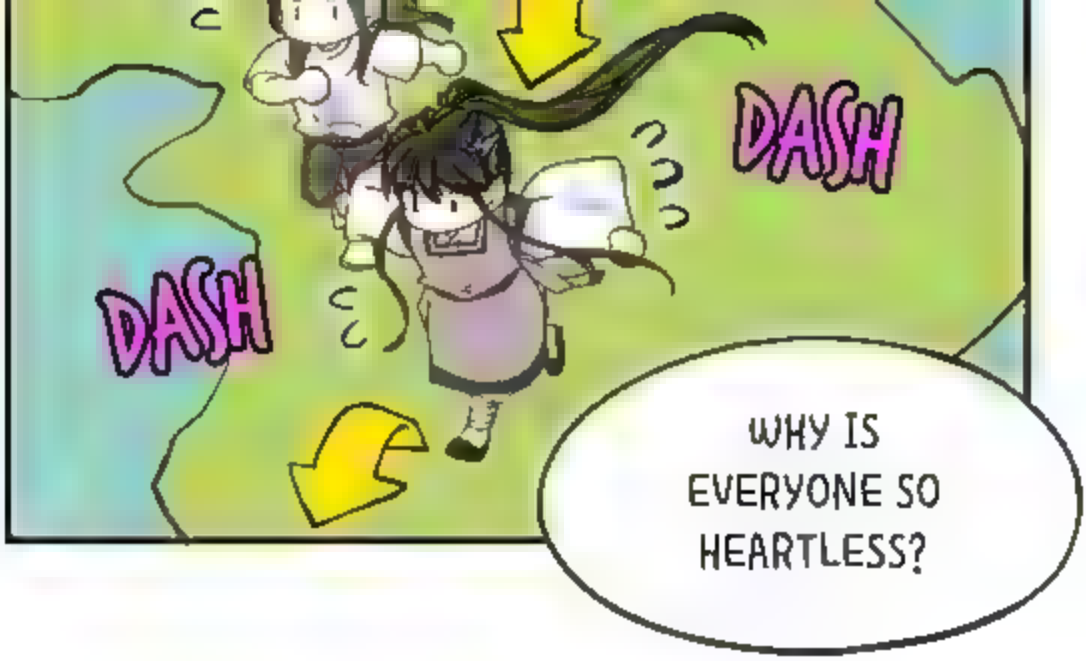

SO,
DOES THAT MEAN
SHE WANTS BARI TO
PASS THE EXAM?

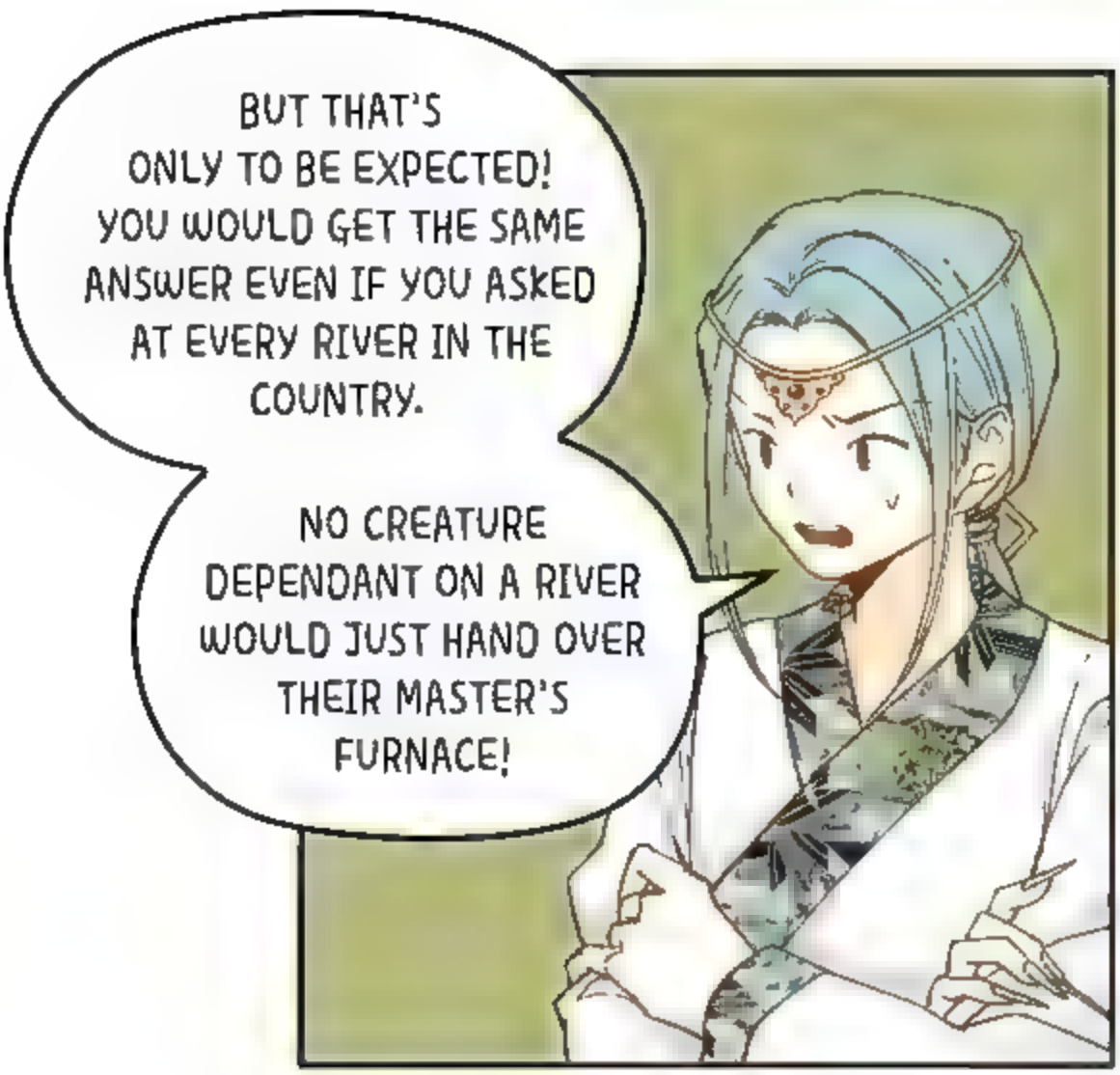

I WOULD
ASSUME SO.
HE WAS HER
CLOSEST FRIEND.


IRRITATED
DON'T BE RIDICULOUS.

OH, COME ON...
DON'T BE LIKE THAT! BE A PAL, HUH?
YEAH, DO US A FAVOR, WILL YOU?
WE'VE ALREADY BEEN REJECTED THREE TIMES!

WE'VE BEEN TO THE SOYANG RIVER, THE IMJIN RIVER...
...AND EVEN THE GEUM RIVER.

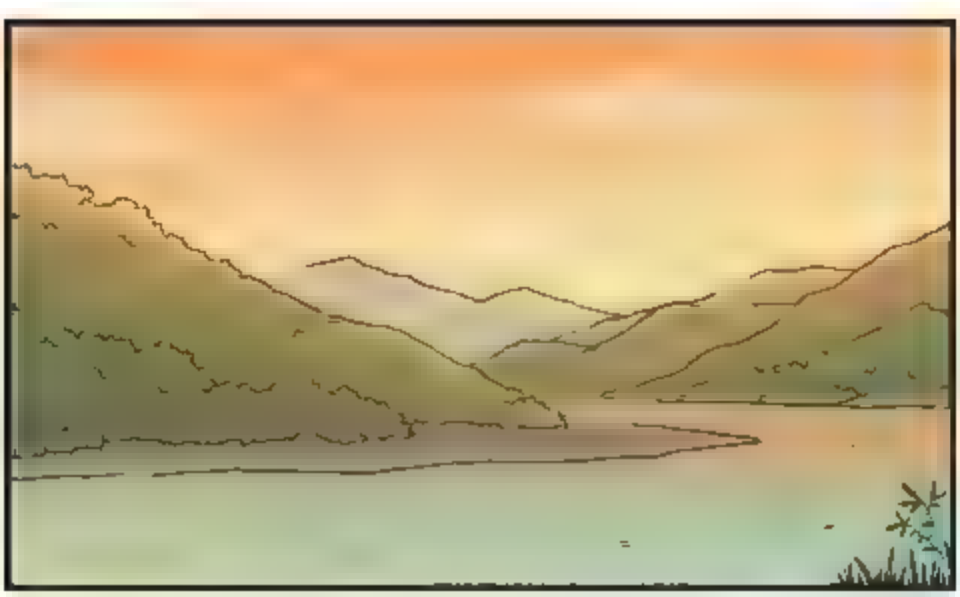

DASH
DASH
WHY IS EVERYONE SO HEARTLESS?

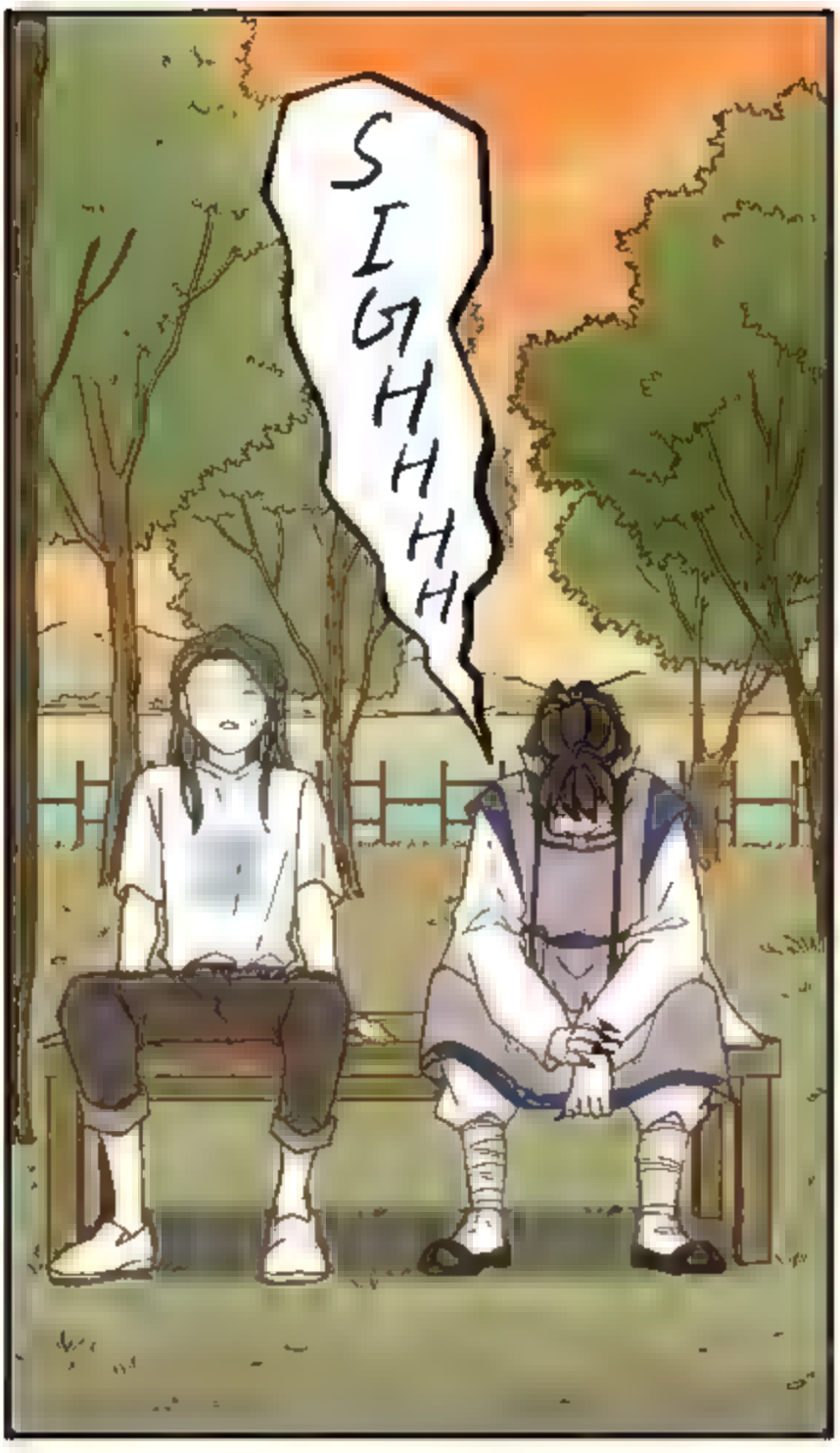

BUT THAT'S ONLY TO BE EXPECTED! YOU WOULD GET THE SAME ANSWER EVEN IF YOU ASKED AT EVERY RIVER IN THE COUNTRY.
NO CREATURE DEPENDANT ON A RIVER WOULD JUST HAND OVER THEIR MASTER'S FURNACE!

WE'RE ONLY ASKING TO BORROW IT!
IT'S NOT LIKE THE SEOMJIN RIVER DRAGON IS ILL RIGHT NOW!
JUST BECAUSE WE DON'T NEED IT RIGHT NOW DOESN'T MEAN WE CAN LET YOU BORROW IT. IT MUST BE IN OUR POSSESSION FOR ANY EMERGENCIES THAT MAY ARISE!

NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES YOU ASK. MY ANSWER WILL STILL REMAIN THE SAME.

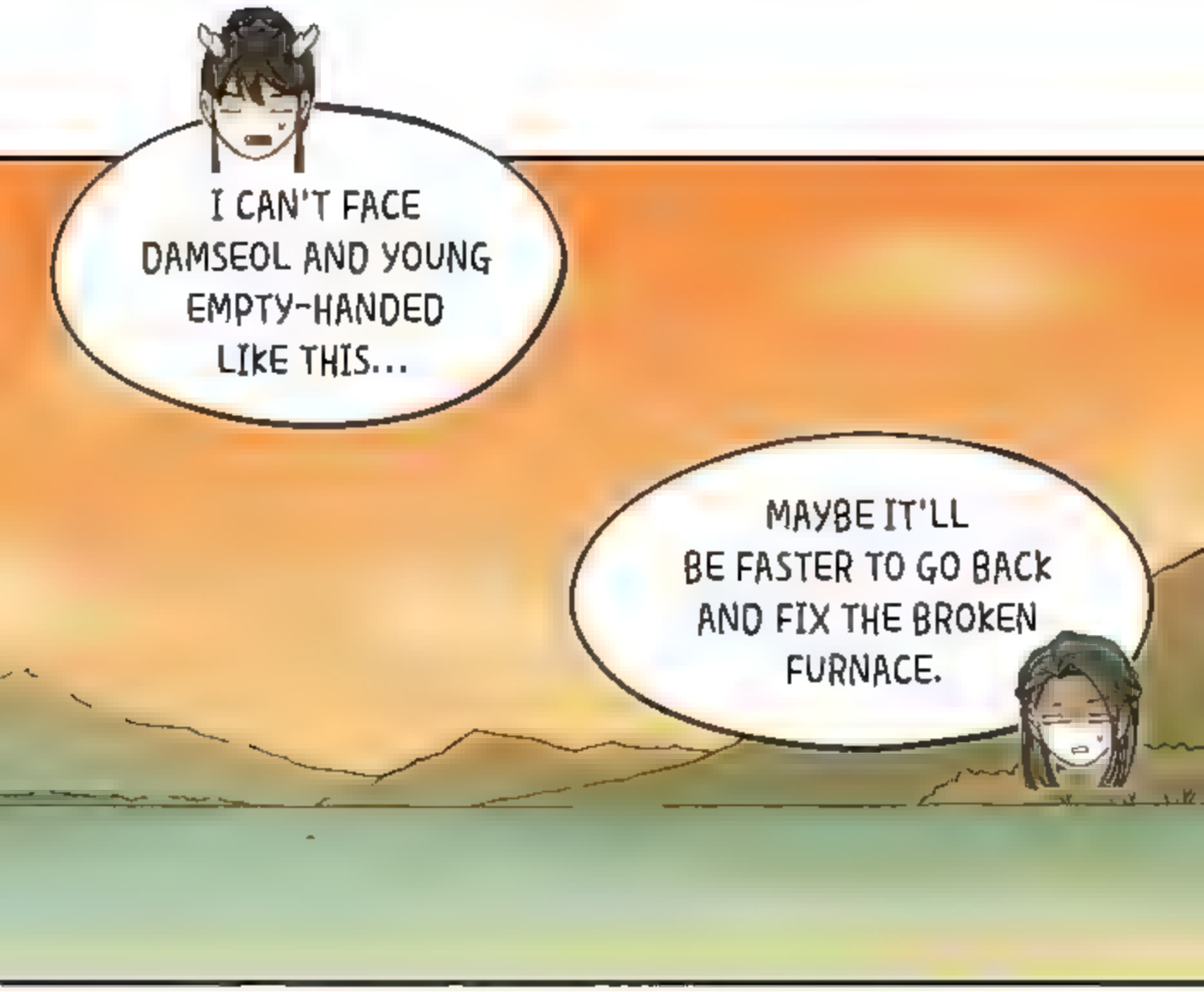
NOW PLEASE GO AWAY.




SIGHHHH

WE WERE SO CONFIDENT BACK AT DAMSEOL'S PLACE, BUT SO FAR IT'S BEEN NOTHING BUT A FOOL'S ERRAND.
MAYBE WE REALLY NEED TO GO FIND A BLAST FURNACE SOMEWHERE...

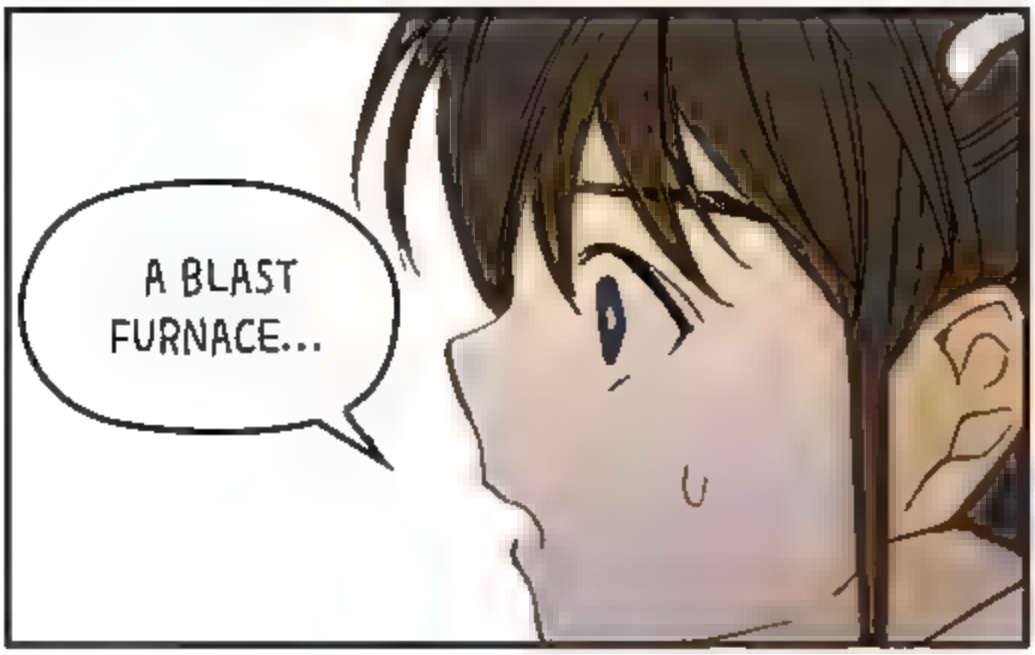
HMM...
YOU KNOW WHERE TO FIND ONE?
I WAS KIDDING.

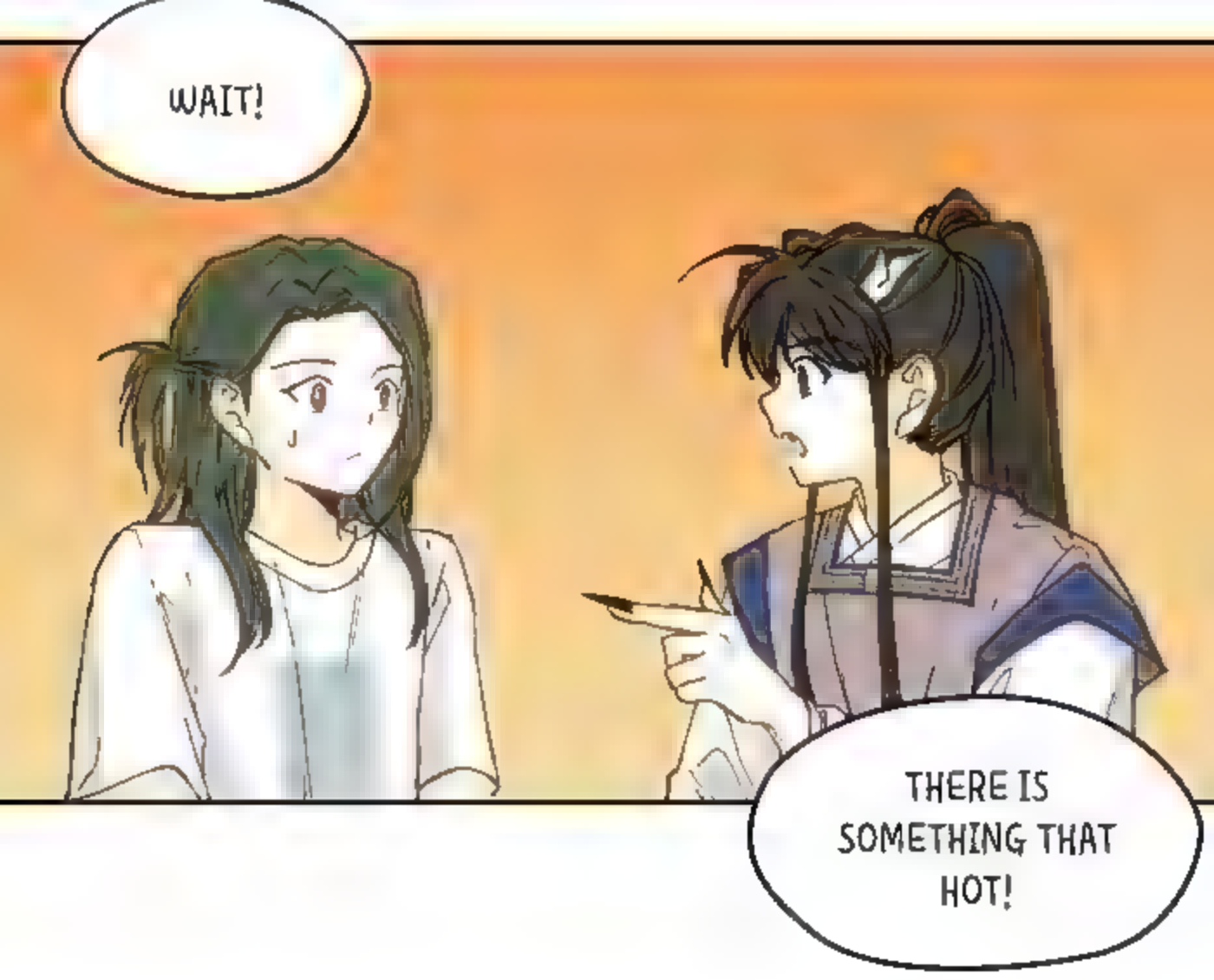

I CAN'T FACE DAMSEOL AND YOUNG EMPTY-HANDED LIKE THIS...
MAYBE IT'LL BE FASTER TO GO BACK AND FIX THE BROKEN FURNACE.

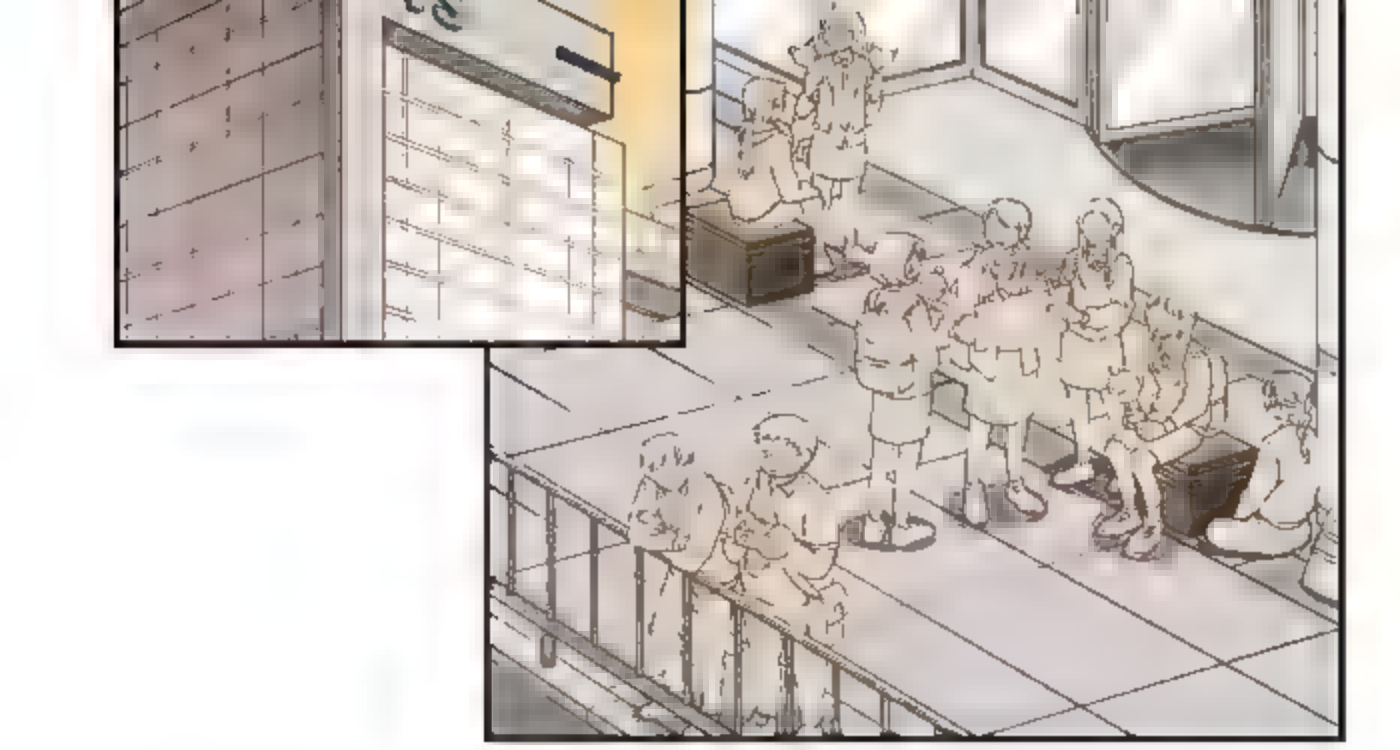
IF IT WERE THAT EASY, MR. NAMSENG WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN SO DISTRAUGHT IN THE FIRST PLACE.
WHAT WOULD YOUNG DO IN A SITUATION LIKE THIS?
FOR STARTERS, HE PROBABLY WOULDN'T HAVE BROUGHT UP ANYTHING ABOUT A BLAST FURNACE.

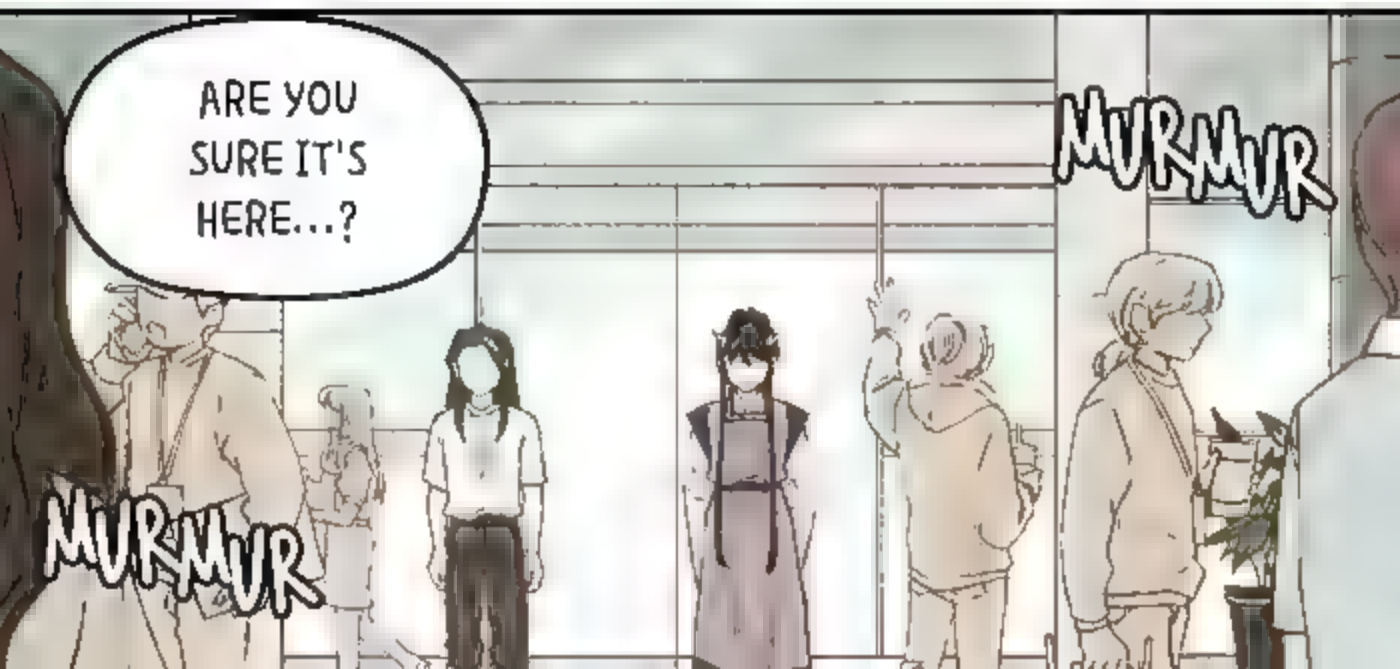
I-I WAS ALSO KIDDING, OKAY?
YEAH, YEAH...

METAPHORICALLY!
YOU KNOW, SOMETHING AS HOT AS A FURNACE...


A BLAST FURNACE...


WAIT!
THERE IS SOMETHING THAT HOT!




ARE YOU SURE IT'S HERE...?
MURMUR
MURMUR

IT'S FULL OF HUMANS HERE.

I THINK IT'S THAT WAY.
LET'S GO!

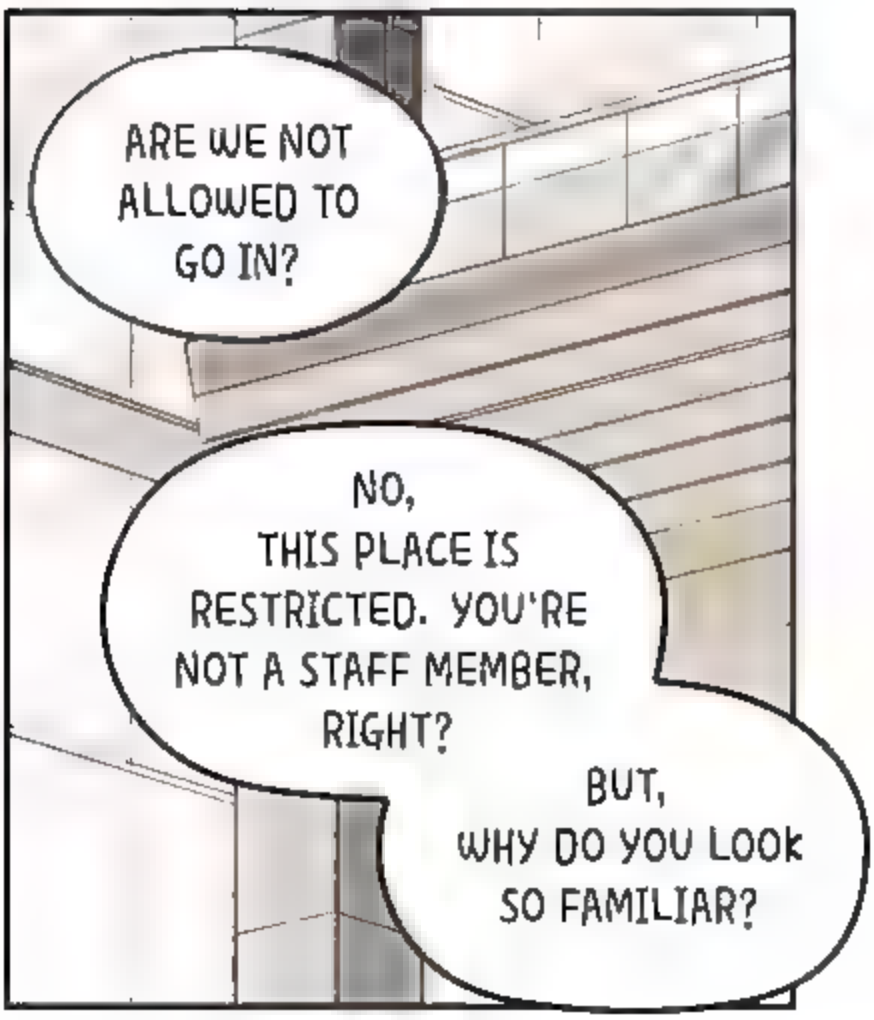
UM...

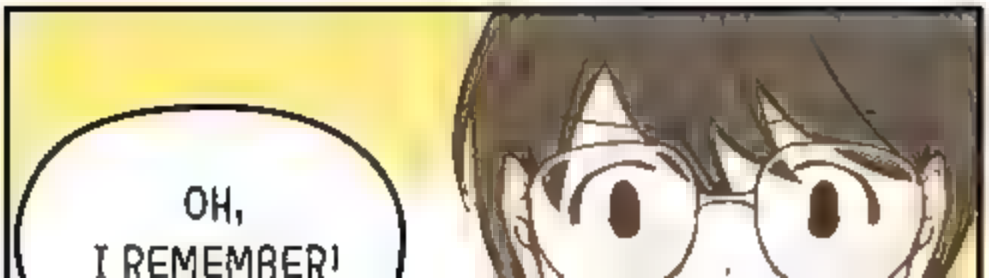
EXCUSE ME.
THIS IS A RESTRICTED AREA. ONLY THE STAFF IS ALLOWED...

STAFF?
...!
WAIT, THEY AREN'T SHOOTING ANY

HISTORICAL SHOWS HERE...

WHY'S HE IN TRADITIONAL GARB...?





YOU'RE GYEONGBOK PALACE HOT GUY!
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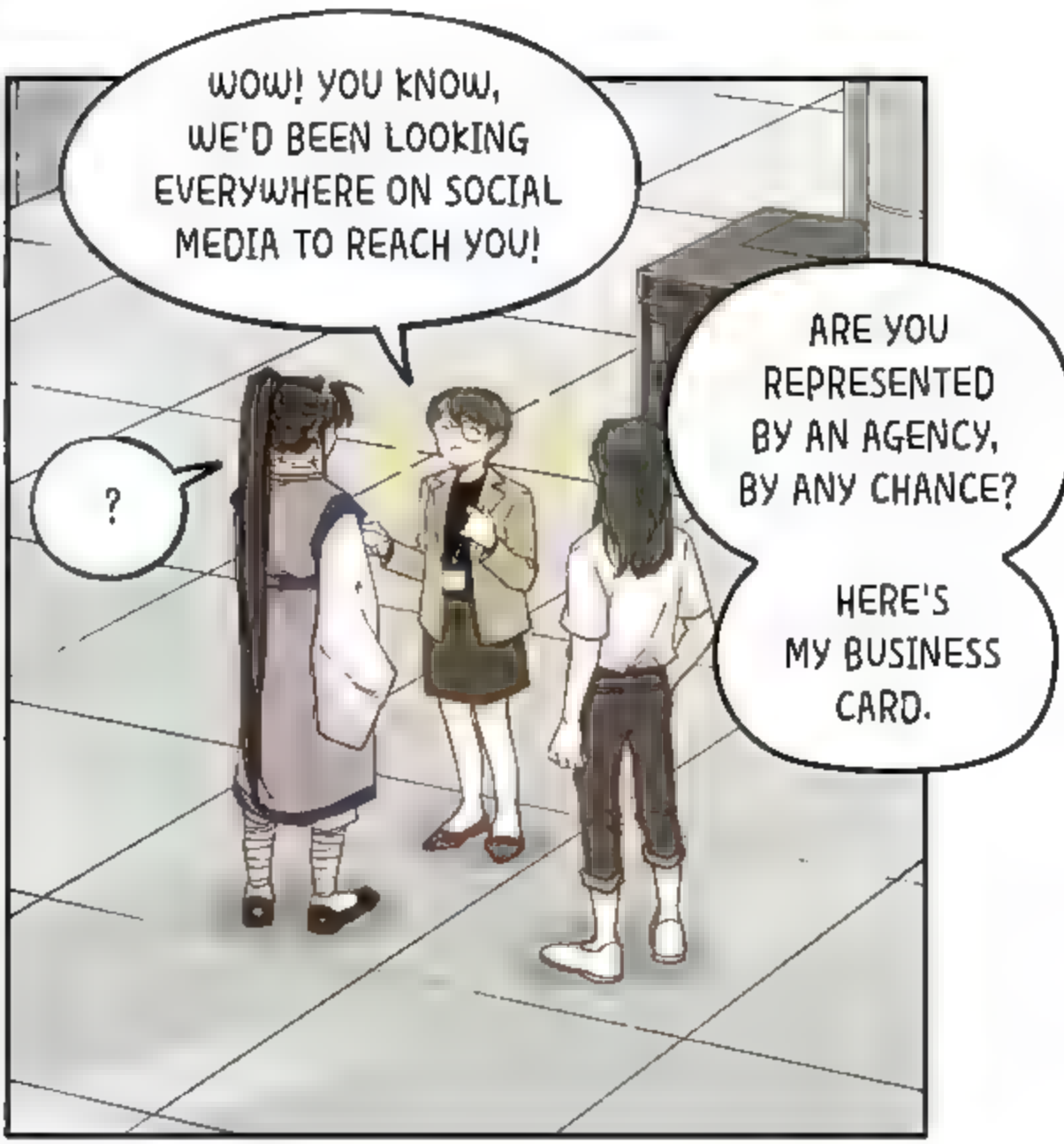
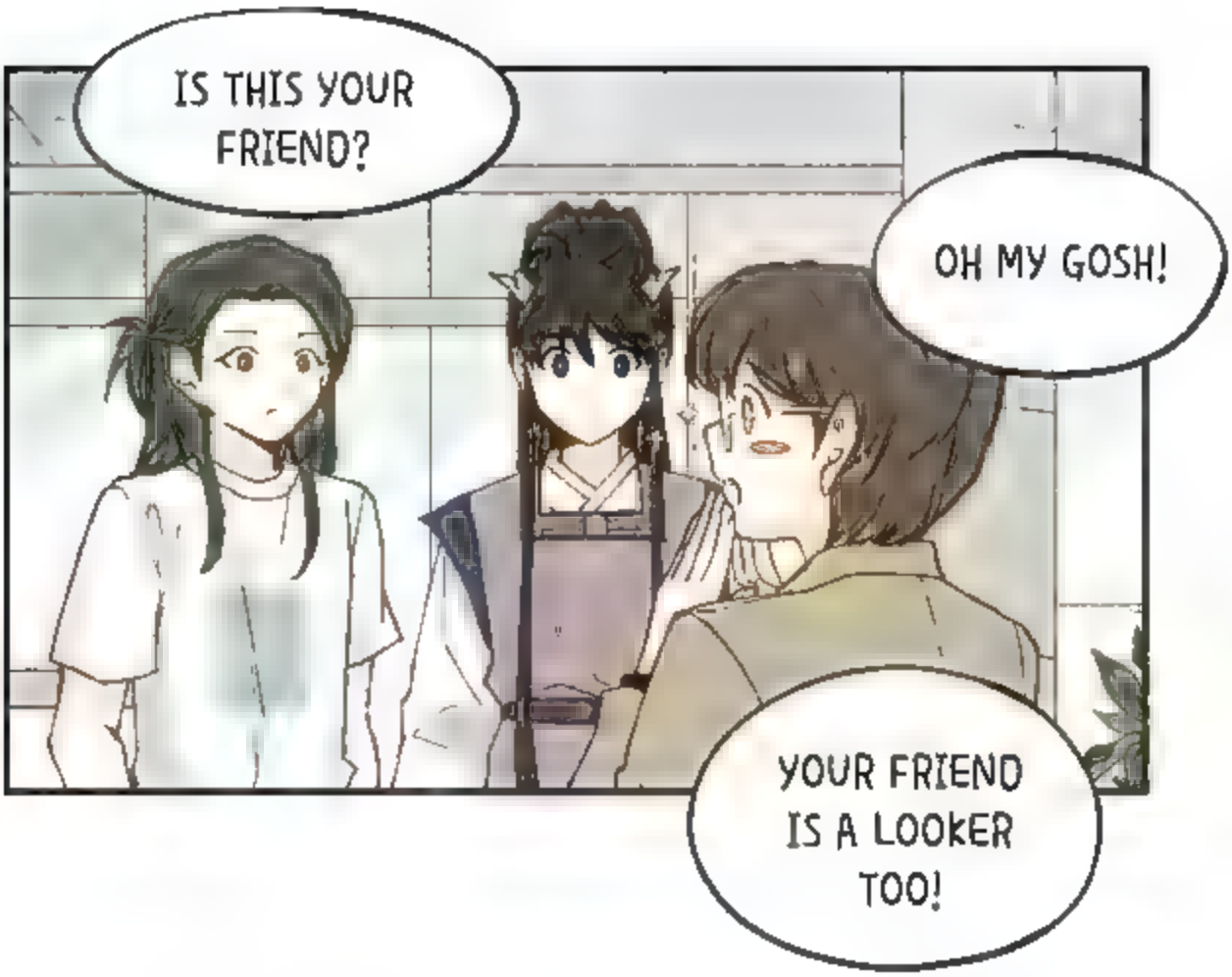
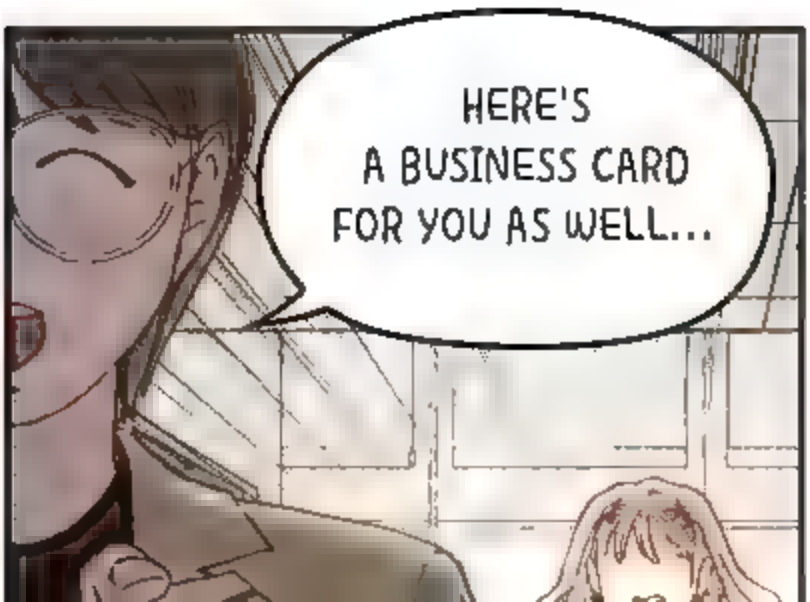
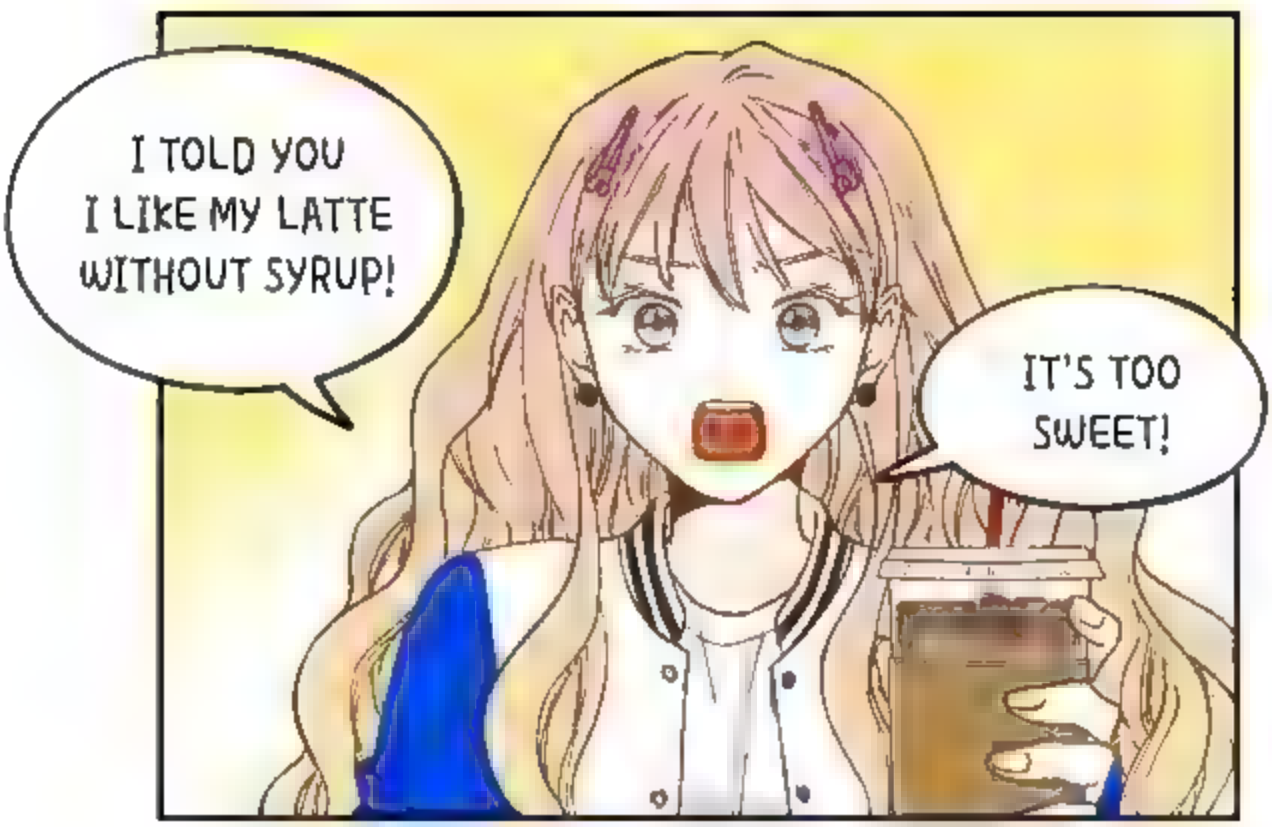
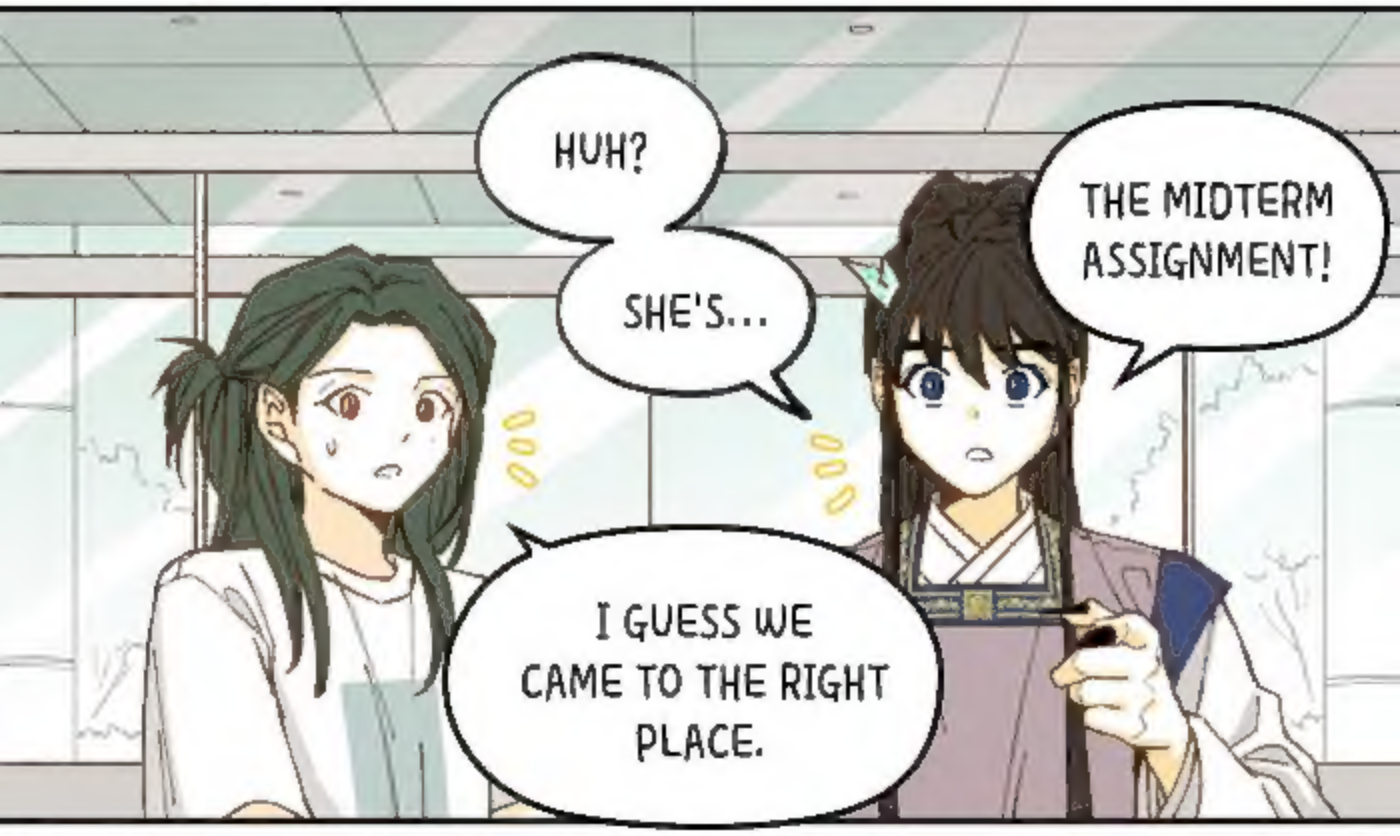

WOW! YOU KNOW, WE'D BEEN LOOKING EVERYWHERE ON SOCIAL MEDIA TO REACH YOU!
?
ARE YOU REPRESENTED BY AN AGENCY, BY ANY CHANCE?
HERE'S MY BUSINESS CARD.


IS THIS YOUR FRIEND?
OH MY GOSH!
YOUR FRIEND IS A LOOKER TOO!

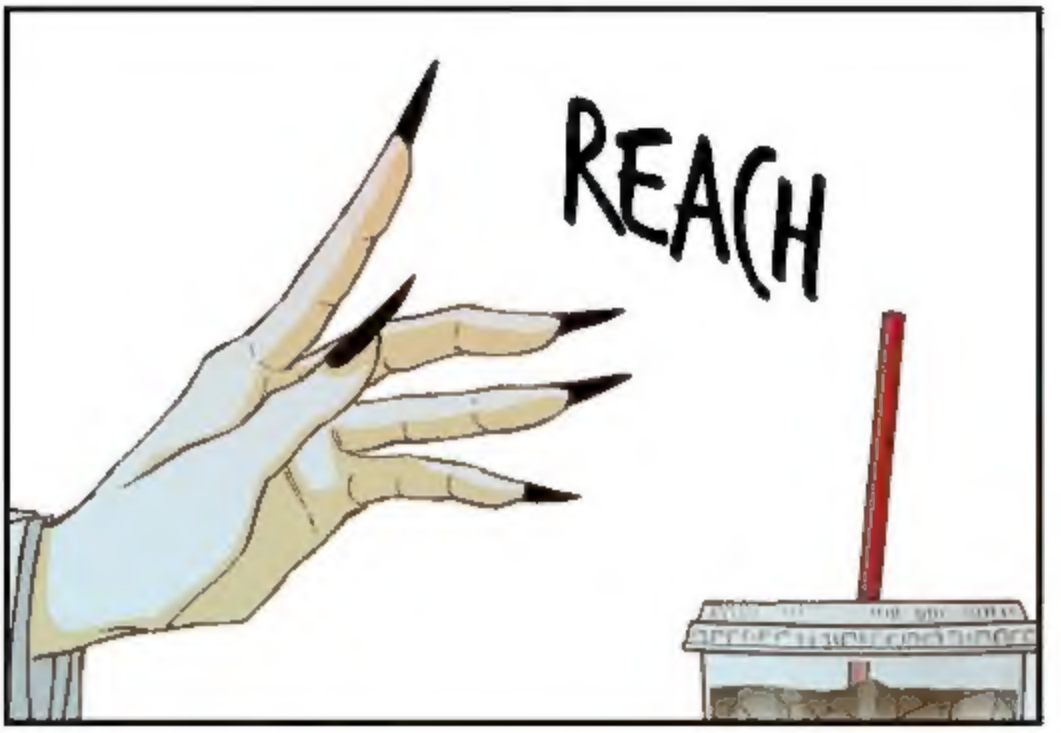

HERE'S A BUSINESS CARD FOR YOU AS WELL...

HEY!


I TOLD YOU
I LIKE MY LATTE
WITHOUT SYRUP!
IT'S TOO
SWEET!


HUH?
SHE'S...
THE MIDTERM ASSIGNMENT!
I GUESS WE CAME TO THE RIGHT PLACE.

STRIDE
FLINCH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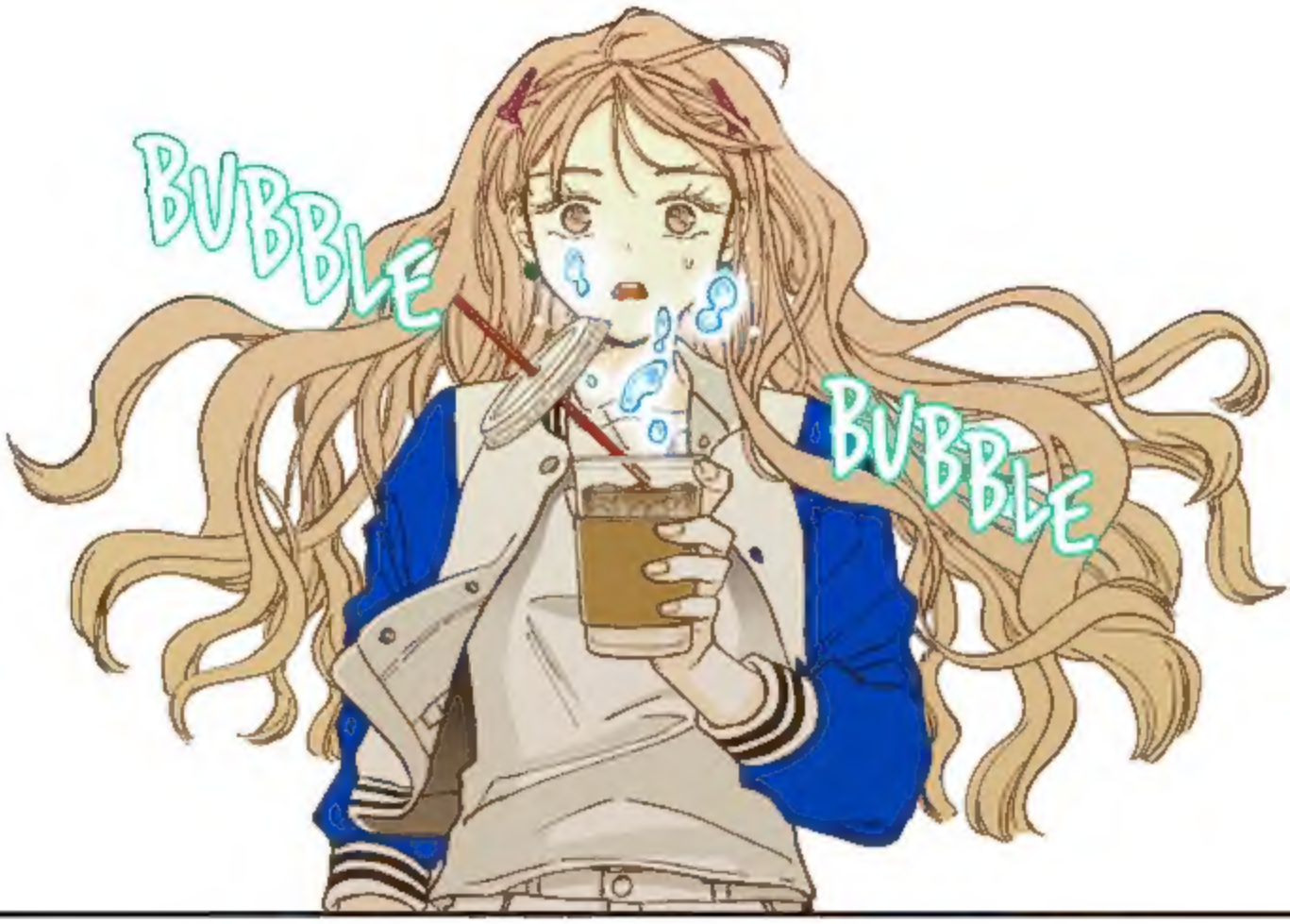
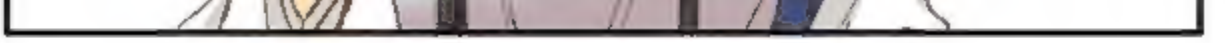

BUBBLE
BUBBLE

THERE YOU GO!
NOW, THEN.



WILL YOU TAKE US...

...TO KWANGCHEOL?